

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the abstract on page 28 as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~Camera apparatus and a method of taking a picture are provided, dissolving inconvenience which a user of the camera will meet when taking a picture of him or her. The~~  
~~A camera has a provisional photographing mode and a real photographing mode. In the provisional photographing mode,~~  
~~in which~~ a human model image is displayed on a through image ~~G2~~ in an overlapping manner on a ~~monitor display~~, and the user moves the human model image to ~~his or her~~ a desired position in the through image and records ~~in a memory~~  
a composition indicating image ~~G4~~ representing the conditions of the through image with the human model image ~~staying~~ at the ~~user's~~ desired position. After the provisional photographing process, the through image ~~G2~~ is synthesized with the recorded composition indicating image ~~G4~~ in a semi transparent manner, ~~and the~~ to display a synthesized image ~~G5 is displayed on the monitor~~ in place of the through image on the display. When a shutter is operated, a normal photographing process is performed to

~~record a photographed an image. When the user asks a third person to take a picture of him or her, the user performs the provisional photographing process and then asks the third person to take a picture. The third person operates the shutter at the time when the through image G2 overlaps with the composition indicating image G4, and then a picture of the composition the user intended is obtained.~~